

Dear Coach/Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for enrolling your child(ren) in the 6-7th Grade Softball Program with the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Department and the Jefferson City Public Schools. We hope you and your child have a great season!

I wanted to give you some information regarding the league. Any forms, rules packets, maps, etc. can be downloaded on-line at the following web address:

6-7th Grade Softball 2015

(www.jeffersoncitymo.gov/programs_and_activities/youth_programs/programs_and_activities/youth_sports/programs_and_activities/youth_sports/6-7th_grade_school_league.php)

- League/Rules Packet 2015
- League Schedule
- League Information Letter 2015
- Map of Game Fields at Optimist Sports Complex (OSC) in Ellis-Porter Riverside Park

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- The concession stand will be open this fall at OSC.
- **No Practices on Game Fields**
- Only head coach and 3 assistant coaches allowed in the dugout.
- Your child will need to wear a **batting helmet**. These will be provided for you. Catchers will need to wear full catcher's gear. This will be provided as well.
- Bleacher seating is available at the fields.
- ***Each team will need to provide one umpire per game. Umpire equipment will be available at the field.***
- **Special League Rules:**
 - Game rules will follow the National Federation (High School) rules for fast pitch. This allows the pitcher to step backwards to begin her motion.
 - Pitching Distance: 40 feet; Base Distance: 60 feet.
 - A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game. A wide strike zone is strongly recommended. Remember, games filled with walks are not fun for the participants.
 - Ten players will be permitted to play defense simultaneously. The 'extra' player must play in the outfield and the outfielders must be employed in an arc alignment--short fielders are not permitted.
 - Runners may not advance until the ball crosses the plate. Runners may advance one base on an overthrow/passed ball (except home).
 - Batters may not run on a dropped third strike.
 - Inning Run Rule: each team can score a maximum of 6 runs per inning.
 - **The games will consist of six innings or a 1 hour and 10 minute time limit.** No new inning will begin after the time limit, but the inning being played will be finished. Games which are tied when the time limit expires will be left as a tie.
- Reminder: **NO pets, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or glass containers** allowed in the ballparks during youth sports – this is a health and safety issue!

- **Schedules are posted on-line** at www.teamsideline.com/jeffersoncity. Just click on the + signs next to youth softball, 6-7th grade, team name, etc. You can print the schedule for just your team or for all the teams in your league. You can also download your child's softball schedule to your calendar if you use Outlook. **Home team sits in the third base dugout; Away team sits in the first base dugout.**
- **In case of inclement weather, please call our Hotline at 634-6485 ext. 4.** Games canceled due to inclement weather will **not** be rescheduled unless two or more nights are canceled.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank You,

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